

## **Libbi u-V'sari – My Heart and My Flesh** **Avraham Ibn Ezra**

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All potent God! You made me  
"Alive I am," You told me  
Yet no one's eyes can see Me  
remaining flesh - alive  
my heart and my flesh  
they sing to You,  
to You the Source of Life!

**B**rought forth we were by intent  
in counsel and consent  
yet hidden is what this meant  
from us who are alive.

**R**esplendent in Your glory  
all tales are but Your story  
praise to You who is pouring  
into our souls our life!

**H**ow generous on Your side  
To teach us laws which guide  
those who by them abide  
as sources of good life!

**M**ight we be ever right  
and live all in the light  
what are we but a mite  
and yet You give us life!

**B**orn as we are of passion  
at times we lack compassion  
if only we could fashion  
a God-filled way of life!

**N**ear God to be we yearn  
From wicked ways to turn  
before bodies to dust return  
and souls to the Source of Life

**E**very way will I adore You  
my fervent prayer implore You  
to open my path before You  
to sate my soul with life!

**Z**eal filled our sires with fervor  
do rouse us from our torpor  
and help us meet our savior  
Of Jesse's stock - in Life!

**R**emember! we kept Your trust  
May Your response be just  
and being fair You must  
decree us toward life!

**A**wed am I, amazed at You  
my arms I raise in pray'r to You  
my mouth will sing its praise to You  
O Source and Soul of Life!